(d) whether any initiatives have been taken under the programmes to boost India's pharmaceutical exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Against the total allocation of Rs. 6 crores under the Focus Programmes for the year 2002-2003, Rs. 2.87 crore has been released/ utilised.

(d) Yes, Sir. Various activities like Indo-LAC Health Summit; visit of Uruguan Health delegation; Buyer-Seller Meet were undertaken for boosting India's pharmaceutical prodcuts under the Focus Programmes.

Adverse impact of Iraq war on tea export

1520. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq war had inflicted adverse impact on country's tea export;

(b) if so, the loss suffered in terms of rupees as a result thereof;

(c) whether export of tea has started again after the war; and

(d) the quantity of tea being exported now and what was the quantity of tea export before the war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The value of tea exports from India to Iraq has declined by about Rs. 82.09 crores during the period January—May 2003 as compared to the value of export of Rs. 87.02 crores in the corresponding period of 2002.

(c) and (d) There has been no export of tea from India to Iraq

during April and May 2003. The details of export of tea from India to Iraq are given below:—

Year	Quantity (in million Kgs.)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
2000-2001	13.34	93.90
2001-2002	25.32	160.03
2002-2003*	33.47	222.41
January-May, 2003	0.70	4.93
January-May, 2002	14.59	87.02

*Provisional and subject to revision.

Seminar by WTO

1521. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the third week of June, 2003, WTO conducted a public seminar to interact and debate important issues concerning Doha development agency and the status of the current negotiations; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The World Trade Organization (WTO) organized a Public Symposium from 16 to 18 June, 2003 on the challenges WTO Members face ahead of the WTO's Fifth Ministerial Conference in September, 2003 in Cancun, Mexico. The idea of the WTO in organizing the event was to make the participants from governments, civil society, the business sector, academia and the media aware of the progress being made in the conduct of the work programme launched at the 4th Ministerial conference at Doha in November, 2001 and also to enable them to discuss as to how the new negotiations can address key challenges facing the multilateral trading system.